

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-captioned application.

1. (Currently amended): A freewheel bearing device-(1), of the type comprising an outer element-(5), an inner element placed in the outer element, and a freewheel-(6) provided with at least one jamming element-(15), placed between the inner element and the outer element to leave free a rotation movement in one direction between the outer element and the inner element and to transmit a torque in the other direction between the outer element and the inner element, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the freewheel-(6) comprises a race (14)-provided with an inner cylindrical surface and an outer cylindrical surface-(14a), substantially aligned on a radial plane perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the device, and a torque limiter member capable of limiting the torque transmitted by the freewheel, the torque limiter member being placed radially between said race (14)-and the outer element (5)-or the inner element in contact with said race and said element.
2. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the torque limiter member is mounted in series with the freewheel (6)-to limit the torque transmitted by the unidirectional engagement member in the torque transmission position.
3. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the torque limiter member comprises at least one friction element-(7).
4. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the friction element (20)-comprises a radial friction surface-(23a).

5. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the friction element ~~(7)~~ comprises an axial friction surface delimited by two radial planes.
6. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that it comprises claim 1, further comprising a bearing allowing the outer element to rotate relative to the inner element.
7. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bearing is a rolling bearing ~~(4)~~.
8. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein raceways for the rolling elements of said bearing are arranged in the inner and outer elements.
9. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the torque limiter member is placed on an outer surface ~~(14d)~~ of the freewheel.
10. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 8,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the torque limiter member is placed in a bore of the freewheel.
11. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the torque limiter member comprises an open elastic ring provided with an outer friction surface and an inner friction surface.
12. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ring is made of steel sheet and has a U-channel provided with two axial flanges.

13. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the torque limiter member comprises a plurality of elastic
tongues ~~(19a)~~.

14. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the torque limiter member comprises an elastic ring ~~(18)~~
made of synthetic material provided with an outer or inner friction surface and a respectively
inner or outer attachment surface.

15. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the torque limiter member comprises at least one friction
ring ~~(23)~~ and an elastic washer ~~(25)~~ for placing the friction ring bearing axially on a friction
surface.

16. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 11, characterized in~~
~~that~~ claim 1, wherein the torque limiter member comprises a body in the shape of an open ring.

17. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the
torque limiter member ~~also further~~ comprises an elastic element for prestressing said body.

18. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the freewheel comprises a spring provided with an end
fixedly attached to the torque limiter member and coils in friction contact on the inner or outer
element.

19. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the jamming elements of the freewheel are cams, rollers or
pawls.

20. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the torque limiter member comprises a friction element
and an element for prestressing the friction element against said race (14) and/or the outer
element (5) or the inner element.

21. (Currently amended): The device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the torque limiter member is prestressed between two
separate pieces.

22. (Currently amended): A freewheel bearing device (1), comprising an outer element (5), an
inner element placed in the outer element, and a freewheel (6) (15) placed between the inner
element and the outer element, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the freewheel (6) comprises a race
(14) provided with an inner cylindrical surface and an outer cylindrical surface (14d),
substantially aligned on a radial plane perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the device, and a
torque limiter member mounted in series with the freewheel (6) to limit the torque transmitted by
the unidirectional engagement member in the torque transmission position.